

PUBLIC SAFETY TIPS: SURFWATCH BLOCK

The Surfside Police Department (SPD) is looking for a few good men and women.

More precisely, the SPD is expanding their Neighborhood Crime Watch Program and are inviting concerned citizens and business owners to become "Block Captains" in order to assist the SPD in their efforts to detect and prevent criminal behavior on our individual streets and blocks. SurfWatch Block Captains would be responsible for hosting a crime watch meeting inside their residence and would invite their immediate neighbors to attend. The Police Department would be available as a resource and in a support role to assist with these meetings. The leadership, communication and problem solving role of a Block Captain is rewarding and provides meaningful opportunities to build and strengthen partnerships with neighbors and business owners, crime preven-

tion services, law enforcement personnel, the fire bureau and municipal government.

The Block Watch does not promote intervention or vigilantism, but participants are encouraged to become the eyes and ears for the SPD. Block Watch educates individuals on the principles of "deter, delay and detect" and helps neighbors, business owners and police form a true, strong partnership as they work together to improve the overall safety and quality of life in the community.

If you or your neighbors are interested in establishing a Block Watch or to become a Block Watch Captain for your street or business please contact Lt. Nelson, Lt. Madden or Captain O'Reilly at 305-861-4862. Any one of these officers will be happy to assist you in creating your new Block Watch team.

COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT UPDATE

The exciting plans for the proposed Community Center Renovation Project continue to move forward. Further information will be available as the design and renovation process progresses. Please be aware that Gazette publication deadlines

and committee meeting schedules do not always coincide. Therefore, it is not always possible to print up-to-date meeting notification in this Newsletter. For the latest meeting schedules please check the Town Website at www.town.surfside.fl.us.

February Calendar***

Commission Meeting.....Tuesday, February 8th, 2005 at 8:00 pm

Planning & Zoning.....Last Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 pm (02/22/05)

Tourist Bureau.....1st Tuesday of the month, at 10:00 am (02/01/05)

***Please note that all times & dates listed, (except Town Commission meetings) are tentative and subject to change. Please verify the information by contacting Town Hall at (305) 861-4863, or visit our Website at www.town.surfside.fl.us for updates.

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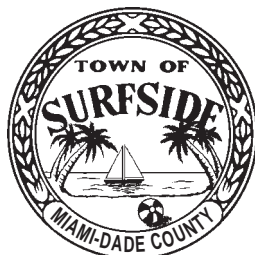
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FROM THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Surfsiders,

By now we have all seen and heard the distinctive rumble of the new Harley Davidson Police Motorcycles currently patrolling the Surfside roadways. As vehicular traffic increases within our Town limits and the potential for accidents grows, the addition of these traffic enforcement vehicles assist our police officers to create safer streets. It also enables them to respond more quickly to, and move more deftly in, traffic emergency situations.

The recent establishment of the SurfWatch Block crime detection and prevention program enlists the aid of our citizens, along with the fine policing efforts of our Surfside law enforcement officers, to better achieve the mutually shared

goal of reducing and eliminating crime in our community. I urge all of our residents and business owners to participate in this critical surveillance program.

The recent presence of a foot patrol officer in the business corridor is also an important and welcome addition to the practice of community policing. Officer Messina is already on a first name basis with many business owners and their employees. He keeps a vigilant eye out for any suspicious behavior and is dedicated to maintaining safety on our streets.

Kudos to the professional men and women who comprise
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POLICE MOTORCYCLES RETURN TO SURFSIDE FOLLOWING A TWENTY-FIVE YEAR ABSENCE

At a ribbon cutting ceremony held on Wednesday, January 26th, in the lobby of Town Hall, the Surfside Police Department (SPD) unveiled three 2005 Harley Davidson Road King motorcycles to be used by the newly established Traffic Safety Unit. The motorcycles are clearly marked with SPD decals, are equipped with red and blue emergency lights and are easily recognizable as police vehicles.

The primary purpose will be traffic enforcement. However, the unit will also be actively involved in motorcycle safety and education. Each motorcycle officer has completed rigorous and intensive training which was hosted by the Miami Beach Police Department Motorcycle Unit.

With our congested highways and roadways producing greater speed limit and red light violators, along with the

danger posed by drug disoriented and intoxicated motorists, traffic safety is a constant concern to law enforcement officers throughout South Florida.



*Traffic Safety Unit
Seated: Officer Rory Alberto
Standing: Officer Orlando Laso*

The new police motorcycles bring greater versatility to the traffic enforcement efforts of the Surfside Police Department. The benefits include more maneuverability in heavily congested areas, the ability to reach collision scenes more quickly when traffic might impede a patrol car, and they are able to perform traffic enforcement at locations that prove more difficult for a car.

The Police Department is proud to add this effective tool in their efforts to achieve the highest standards in traffic safety for Surfside.

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the Surfside Police Department for their unfailing, tireless and outstanding commitment to ensuring our safety.

In other news, I am pleased to report that a new Resident Package will be published shortly. Its purpose is to welcome individuals and families when they move into our community. The package will acquaint them with the many services available in Town, including information concerning the establishment of water accounts, sanitation removal, recycling, school listings, area parks and recreation facilities, transportation options, police surveys and programs available, and a summary of residential neighborhood issues. Plans are also underway to create a similar package for business owners and contractors.

The architectural firm assessments and design ideas for the Community Center Renovation Project continues to move forward as of the writing of this article. I encourage you to check the Town Website www.town.surfside.fl.us on a regular basis to obtain the latest updates regarding the renovation process.

This is an exciting time to be living in Surfside. I, Vice-Mayor MacBride and Commissioners Coto, Jimenez and Levine are proud to be your representatives and are dedicated to meeting the challenges of our unique community.

Tim Will
Your Mayor
Surfside@bellsouth.net

SURFSIDE COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS

1.TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Town Manager introduced Beatris Arguelles as the new Town Clerk. Beatris, a Certified Municipal Clerk, has over 12 years experience as a Municipal Clerk, most recently serving the Town of Miami Lakes. The Town Manager also announced the Promotion of Tim Milian to Recreation Director, a position vacated by Ms. Adele Weisberg who retired after 27 years of service to the Town.

Regarding the Recreation Department's first Winter Camp, the Town Manager reported that a total of 39 children enrolled in the camp; 20 during the first session and 19 during the second session. He stated that five of the 39 children were non-Surfside residents. He announced that the program had an income of \$4,825 and expenditures totaling \$4,450. He acknowledged both Tim Milian and Adele Weisberg for a job well done.

The Town Manager requested retroactive approval from the Commission for an emergency expenditure of \$8,895 to repair one of the sanitary pump stations. He noted that the Town Manager's limit on expenditures without prior approval is \$8,500 thus requiring a motion from the Commission. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the expenditure.

The Town Manager also requested that the Commission waive competitive bids for the purchase of four Police vehicles off the Sheriff's Department State Contract. The four vehicles consist of a 2005 Crown Victoria total cost of \$20,247; a 2005 Ford Expedition total cost of \$24,987; a 2005 Ford Taurus total cost of \$12,927, and a 2005 Chrysler Sebring total cost of \$12,911. He announced that these vehicles would replace some of the older models in the Police Fleet. This expense was included in the 2004-05 budget. The Commission voted unanimously to waive the competitive bidding process and purchase the vehicles off the State Contract.

The Town Manager announced that the Police Department's computer system is outdated and requested that the Commission accept the State contract price for the purchase of a new server, computers and software for the Department. He asked that the competitive bid process be waived and requested authorization to expend budgeted funds for the purchase of a new computer server in the amount of \$4,899, as well as 10 new Dell Computers in the amount of \$8,843.12 and a software upgrade in the amount of \$30,927.50. The Commission voted unanimously to waive the competitive bidding process and purchase the server, computers and software upgrade for the Police Department.

Regarding the Community Center Renovation Project, the Town Manager reported that the RFQ for architects was published with the submittal deadline of January 12, 2005. The Town Manager and the Town Engineer will review all qualifying documents received to make a recommendation to the Commission. Once a list of qualified architects is compiled, the Commission may have to meet for a special session to vote on retaining a qualified architect. The Town Manager explained the process, citing that the first step was to retain an architect and that the next step would be to hold workshops and meetings regarding the design. The Town Manager explained that he is working with GE Capital Modular Space regarding the design for trailers that will house the temporary Library, Recreation Department and Tourist Bureau during the reconstruction. In order to ensure as much communication as possible, the Town Manager announced that a dedicated web page on the Town's website is in the works to keep the public informed as to the Community Center project and that additional information regarding the Community Center would be forthcoming in the Newsletter. He encouraged anyone interested in reviewing plans or making suggestions to contact him.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REQUESTS YOUR INPUT

The Recreation Department is currently planning new programs for the community. They would like to hear from Surfside residents. *Please call the Recreation Department at 305-866-3635 to express your interest in these possible upcoming programs for April and the rest of the year.*

Lifeguard Training Classes (Ages 15 and up)
Become a Certified Lifeguard

Pre-School (Ages 3-5)
Kidokinetics (Fitness Programs)
Soccer
Basketball

Youth Programs
Recreation Swim Team
Beach Volleyball
Youth Soccer
3 on 3 Basketball
Spring Learn to Swim Program
Tae Kwon Do

Adult Programs
Yogalates
Dance for Fun & Fitness
Beach Volleyball
3 on 3 Basketball
Adult Learn to Swim Programs
Water Exercises

Senior Programs
Senior Trips (Once a month)
Senior Birthday Parties

SURFSIDE "TENNIS CENTER"

Monday	Adult Beginner Group Class	7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Wednesday	Adult Intermediate Group Class	7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Thursday (Begins Nov. 4)	Adult Competition	8:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Saturday	Tiny Tot Group Class	8:30 am - 9:30 am
	Jr. Group Class (6-8years)	10:00 am - 11:00 am
Sunday (Begins Nov 7)	Adult Competition (Intermediate)	10:00 am - 12:00 pm

*For more information call the Tennis Center at 305-866-5176
For information on any of our events please call the Recreation Department at 305-866-3635*

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, February 21, 2005 in honor of Presidents' Day.

CODE COMPLIANCE REMINDER

It is important for our residents to remember that The Town of Surfside's Code was carefully designed to promote & encourage the peace, order, integrity, character, safety, charm, prosperity and dignity of our community. The regulations account for the general welfare of the town citizenry, provide for efficiency & economy in the process of development, consider the appropriate and best use of land, provide for adequate public utilities, ensure the convenience of traffic, the circulation of people and goods, and the proper use and structural integrity of our buildings. These few examples, along with the other ordinances in Surfside's Code book, protect and preserve our Town for present and future residents. Our mutual compliance is what strengthens us as a community and enables us to flourish.

SURFSIDE BUILDING DEPARTMENT: PERMITTING

For legal & safety reasons, the Surfside Building Department is dedicated to ensuring compliance with state Building Codes and local Zoning Laws. All Town residents and business owners are encouraged to contact the Surfside Building Department at (305) 861-4863 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. before embarking on any construction, renovation, repair or other work in order to clarify which projects may require permitting. The Department is always happy to assist individuals and business owners through the permitting process. Please

note, the Building Department requires sufficient notice in order to properly schedule inspections of work.

SURFWATCH UPDATE

CRIME PREVENTION WORKSHOP:

The next Town of Surfside Crime Prevention Workshop will be held on Wednesday, February 23, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. The forty-five minute workshop will be held at the Surfside Municipal Building, located at 9293 Harding Avenue, in the 2nd floor Training Room. Complimentary coffee and refreshments will be provided.

The workshop will focus on safety tips for winter and spring cleaning, a caution to make sure that garage doors are not left open, and the safe handling of solvents and combustible materials including their proper disposal. A guest speaker from the Fire Department will be featured and details regarding a free residential/commercial security survey will also be presented.

For more information on available SurfWatch programs, or to arrange for a free residential and commercial survey, please contact Lieutenant John Madden or Lieutenant Emmanuel Nelson at 305-861-4862. *The Police Department e-mail address is Surfsidepd@the-beach.net.*

TOWN OF SURFSIDE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Winter Camp Report:

The Surfside Recreation Department successfully launched its’ initial Winter Camp program. Thirty-nine children, ranging in age from 6-12 years of age, had a great time over the December 2004 school break. Gymnastics & dance classes were held everyday, while swimming, tennis, sports play and arts & crafts were just a few of the other activities enjoyed. Given the positive feedback from parents and kids alike, it seems that Surfside Winter Camp was the place to be during the holidays.

February Programs

Ping Pong Tournament - (FREE)
Come join the fun and play in a ping pong round robin tournament. The tournament will be on Sunday, February 27th, from 1-3pm at the Surfside Community Center Game Room. All ages welcome!

Kids Classes

Gymnastics:
(\$45 per child 8 week = 8 classes)
Come join our gymnastics program taught by certified instructors. Through praise, encouragement and skillful attention, your child will be taught the sport of gymnastics. Note: Registration in Progress

Mondays (Session I)
Jan 10 - Feb 28
Ages: 3 - 5 3:30 - 4:25 pm
Ages: 6 - 10 4:30 - 5:40 pm

Wednesdays (Session II)
Jan 12 - Mar 2
Ages: 3 - 5 3:15 - 4:10 pm
Ages: 6 - 10 4:15 - 5:25 pm

Acrobatics and Tumbling:
(\$45 per child 8 week = 8 classes)
Boys and girls 10 and up are invited to join our tumbling and acrobatics class taught by certified instructors. Learn the basics of both tumbling and acrobatics. Note: Registration in Progress

Wednesdays (Session II)
Jan 12 - Mar 2
Ages: 10 - up 5:30 - 6:40 pm

Arts & Crafts:
(\$40 per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)
Join the fun with this instructional Arts & Crafts program for kids. Children will learn how to create fun filled project of all types. Classes taught by certified teachers. Note: Registration in Progress

Tuesdays (Session II)
Jan 11 - Mar 1
Ages: 4 - 8 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Saturdays (Session III)
Jan 8 - Feb 26
Ages: 3 - 5 9:30 -10:30 am
Ages: 6 - up 10:45 - 11:45 am

Surfside Community Center
Adult Classes
Yoga:
(\$40 per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)
Enjoy invigorating and relaxing yoga classes while engaging in techniques that benefit your mind, body, and spirit. You will learn proper breathing exercises and relaxation methods long associated with this proven ancient tradition. Note: Registration in Progress

Mondays (Session III)
Jan 24 - Mar 14 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Mondays (Session IV)
Mar 21 - May 9 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Pilates:
(\$40 per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)
Pilates focuses on core strengthening (abdominals) helps reshape the body by creating long, lean muscles. It also helps to strengthen the back muscles and increase flexibility. Note: Registration in Progress

Tuesdays (Session IV)
Feb 22 - Apr 12 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Wednesdays (Session III)
Jan 26 - Mar 16 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Defensive Driving Course
A defensive driving class will be held on Tuesday, February 22nd and March 1st at the Surfside Community Center. The fee is \$10. It is sponsored by AARP. For registration information call 305-466-5725.

Adult Education Classes
Note: All classes begin the week of January 3, 2005.

Yoga
Tuesday 9 - 11 am Ages: Adults
Thursday 9 - 11 am Ages: 55+

Water Aerobics
Wednesday 10 - 11 am Ages: Adults

Conversational Spanish 1
Wednesday 12 - 1:30 pm Ages: Adults

Conversational Spanish 2 & 3
Wednesday 1:30 - 3:35 pm Ages: Adults

Oil Painting/Drawing
Thursday 10 - 12:30 pm Ages: Adults
Thursday 12:30 - 2:30 pm Ages : 55+

Current Events/Adult Life Stages
Thursday 2:00 - 4:00 pm Ages: 55+

- All Adult Classes are Free except Spanish classes. Fees for Spanish classes are \$48.00.
- Call the Recreation Department 305-866-3635 for scheduling information.

Surfside Community Center:
Winter Hours of Operation
February
Community Pool Hours
Saturday thru Sunday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm (Pool will be heated)

Game Room Hours
Friday 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Surfside Holiday Fund (Continued from last month): It is the pleasure of the Town Hall employees to serve, and work, with all the Surfside residents and business owners throughout the year. We wish to acknowledge everyone who so generously contributed to the 2004 Holiday Fund, as well as Dorie Lurie, Harvey Lisker and the entire Holiday Fund Committee, for their tireless efforts on our behalf. We thank you for making our holiday even brighter!

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TOWN OF SURFSIDE STAFFING NEWS

The Town of Surfside is pleased to announce that Beatris Arguelles has joined our staff in the position of Town Clerk. Beatris comes to us following a similar position from the Town of Miami Lakes. She has attained her Town Clerk Certification and has extensive experience working in municipal government.

Tim Milian, previous Recreation Superintendent, has been promoted to Recreation Department Director, filling the vacancy left due to Adele Weisberg’s recent retirement. Tim brings an outstanding resume of business, fitness and supervisory experience to the Town of Surfside. He holds National Certification as a Pool Operator and Aquatics Facility Operator. He is a Certified Lifeguard, maintains current CPR, is published in municipal & sports magazines and has received awards for his contribution to sports programs dealing with at-risk children.

Public Service Aide, Grace Chu, is the most recent addition to the Surfside Police Department. Residents will already see Grace in the area neighborhoods. She is multi-lingual, speaking English, Chinese and Urdu and is proud to be serving our community.

Aquatic Supervisor, Mark McDonnell, has coached distance runners, tri-athletes and swimmers since the early 1990’s. Mark is a Certified Aquatic Facility Director, a U.S.A. Triathlon Coach, and a Strength and Conditioning Coach. In addition to supervising the lifeguards and pool area, Mark looks forward to working with, and programming aquatic and beach activities for all our residents.

SURFSIDE TOURIST BUREAU

Upcoming events sponsored by the Town of Surfside and the Tourist Bureau features the romantic Three Tenors on Valentine’s Day, Monday, February 14 and a fabulous Night of Magic on Sunday, February 27, starring Mitch Davies. Refreshments and dancing to the Poppy Orchestra is included. All events are free to Surfside residents and hotel guests.

SURF-BAL-BAY LIBRARY

Storytime: 2nd and 4th Tuesday;

Mothers and Nannies welcome with children ages 4 and under; from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
NOTE: The library is closed to the general public at this time, so be sure to knock on the Library door to gain entrance.

New books for your reading pleasure...
A Salty Piece of Land by Jimmy Buffet
Whiteout by Ken Follet
Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed by Jared Diamond
A Court Divided: The Rehnquist Court and the Future of Constitutional Law by Mark Tushnet

The Library will be closed Presidents’ Day - Monday, February 21, 2005

SURFSIDE GARDEN CLUB
A St. Valentine Party is the theme for the next meeting of the Surfside Garden Club which will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to come in a hat or costume with the Valentine motif, to win a prize.

Light refreshments, with the Valentine occasion in mind, will be served. Members and friends will celebrate together- all are welcome.

Side-Yard Trash Pickup

The Town of Surfside is proud of the quality of our residential streets and neighborhoods and wishes to remind homeowners that we do provide side-yard trash pick-up, six days a week. To ensure the attractive appearance of our community, our Sanitation workers are pleased to co-operate with all residents in this matter.